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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the foreign references listed on Form PTO-1449 is attached.

EP Patent 1,292,134 is the English-language equivalent of Japanese Published Patent Appln. No. 2003-98476 discussed at page 1 of the specification.

U.S. Patent No. 5,044,710 is the U.S. equivalent of Japanese Published Patent Appln. No. Hei.2-259617 cited in the International Search Report.

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The relevancy of Japanese Published Patent Applns. Nos. Sho. 64-13114 (Abstract 01-013114), Sho.57-52031 and Sho.50-26305 are indicated in the International Search Report. A Statement of Relevancy with regard to Appln. No. 50-26305 is provided herewith.

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